[Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam] [13th September 1958

With these words, Sir, I commend the Supplementary Estimates for the acceptance of this House.

* Sri S. M. ANNAMALAI : On a point of order, Sir, ஸப்ளிமெண்டரி பட்ஜெட்டை நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள்தானே தாக்கல் செய்ய வேண்டும். இதர அமைச்சர்களும் தாக்கல் செய்யல்லாமா ?

Mr. SPEAKER : I would like to inform the hon. Member, Mr. Annamalai that in su-bclause (*d*) of rule 2 of our Rules, 'Finance Minister' is defined as the Minister in charge of Finance or any other Minister to whom he may delegate his functions for the purpose of the Rules. He has delegated his powers to the Hon. Minister for Home and he is entitled to do it.

VI.—STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN 1955–56.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I rise to present the statement of Demands for grants for excess expenditure in the year 1955–56. The appropriations originally provided for in the Budget Estimates do not, in the nature of things, tally entirely with the actuals. Excesses under some grants are inevitable. The total of the excesses in expenditure now sought to be covered by Legislative approval is Rs. 273 lakhs roundly against a total final appropriation of Rs. 14,696 lakhs. The explanatory note appended to the statement of demands gives the reasons for the excesses in each case. The Public Accounts Committee constituted for the year 1957–58 at its meetings held during the course of the year examined the reasons for the excesses and have recommended in their Report published in April 1958 that demands for grants to cover the excess expenditure over the final sanctioned appropriation under each grant might be presented to the Legislative Assembly.

Sir, I commend for the acceptance of the House the statement of Demands for grants for excess expenditure in the year 1955–56.

VII.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS BETTING TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"that leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill[a], 1958."

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is—

"that leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill[a], 1958."

The motion was put and carried.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : I introduce the Madras Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

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